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**WIPP TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTACT AWARD
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Carlsbad, NM -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today awarded a contract to Visionary Solutions, LLC, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to provide transportation services for the DOE Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) located near Carlsbad. This award is the second of two contracts for these services. The first award was made March 14, 2007 to CAST Specialty Transportation Incorporated of Henderson, Colorado, which maintains a local terminal here to support WIPP transportation operations.

The period of performance for each contract includes a base period of 10-months from the date of award, and five option periods that if exercised, will extend the term of the contract to five years. The total dollar value of the contract is \$106.7 million, if all options are exercised.

Visionary Solutions will also set up a local terminal to provide transportation services to support the DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) here. This includes transportation of mixed or TRU waste from the Department's TRU generator sites to WIPP and transportation of training units or empty shipping containers to training exercises and public awareness events across the nation.

Both contract awards were placed under a competitive partial small business set-side solicitation that specified the Department would award two contracts for these services. The first contract was awarded on March 14, 2007 and was open to any qualified contractor, large or small. Today's award to Visionary Solutions was restricted to qualified small businesses only.

These awards are structured as Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) type contracts using firm-fixed price task orders with cost reimbursable line items.

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